

HB 403 -- Cost Recovery for Electric Utilities

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This bill allows electric corporations to recover prudently incurred costs for natural gas and purchased electricity through energy adjustment rate schedules. The schedules may be filed with the Public Service Commission separately or as part of a general rate proceeding. The commission must allow modification of the rates as frequently as every 30 days to reflect changes in natural gas and purchased electricity costs that are not reflected in the corporation's base rates. The commission will establish a procedure to provide customer credits or refunds for any over-estimated costs and collections.

Each corporation that has an energy adjustment rate schedule on file with the commission will submit a monthly adjustment report including calculation of the next month's energy adjustment rate. The commission may only examine the calculations for accuracy and may not consider other costs or overall rates. The commission's decision on each proposed rate adjustment will become effective no later than 30 days after filing. Rates are not subject to suspension by the commission.

The bill contains an emergency clause.